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1. The SMA has ordered that a large-scale dismantling operation be carried out at the Bunawerke at Schkopau. Four factory units are to be entirely dismantled and six others partially dismantled. One informant claims that Colonel Rodionov, acting chief of the Saxony-Anhalt SMA, announced that the entire plant would be sixty percent dismantled. the annual production of synthetic rubber at Schkopau would, as a result of the dismantling program, be cut down to 17,000 tons (as compared with a previous capacity of 60,000 tons per annum). Especially hard-hit will be the installations involved in the final phases of synthetic rubber production. The raw or semi-processed materials hereby released for uses other than the production of buna will be processed and devoted to other ends. The production of carbide and pharmaceutical preparations will be especially emphasized.
2. The dismantling program at Schkopau was to begin on 12 April 1948 and end on 31 May 1948, an unusually short period of time for the accomplishment of an assignment of such dimensions. Six hundred workers were to be employed on the program, 450 of whom were to be provided by the Halle Labor Office on four days' notice.
3. According to members of the Russian staff at the Bunawerke, portions of the dismantled Schkopau equipment are to be set up "farther east" within the Soviet Zone of Germany according to the provisions of a decentralization plan.

Leunawerke, Leuna

4. No gasoline is being produced at the Leunawerke because of the difficulties involved in the processing of soft coal instead of the usual anthracite. A further difficulty is the procurement of skilled workers: the higher ration scales offered by the mining industries are drawing men away from the factories.

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5. Oxygen is being produced at the Leunawerke in building complexes Me 247 and 337. Nine machines are in constant use, a tenth being always relieved for repairs. The gas is produced at the rate of 20,000 cubic meters per hour (97 to 98% of capacity). The introduction of an eleventh machine is scheduled to lift the rate to 26,000 cubic meters per hour. The gaseous reduction of lignite is being performed in complex Me 279.
6. Approximately 78,000 tons of machinery and 70,000 tons of rails have thus far been removed from the Leunawerke under the dismantling program.

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